

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a section of United States Highway 150 in
2 Lincoln County in honor and memory of Neal "The Banjo Man" James.

3 WHEREAS, Neal James, who costarred with Ernie "The Turtleman" Brown Jr. on
4 Animal Planet's "Call of the Wildman," departed this earthly life on February 1, 2019,
5 leaving family, friends, and many adoring fans in solemn mourning; and

6 WHEREAS, Neal James was born in Stanford, Kentucky, on August 10, 1963, the
7 beloved son of Neal and Nancy Poynter James; and

8 WHEREAS, Neal James was a graduate of Lincoln County High School and a
9 member of Willow Grove Baptist Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Neal James was a Kentucky Colonel and a member musician with
11 Broadcast Music Inc. in addition to his television career with Animal Planet; and

12 WHEREAS, Neal James would post instructional videos online of him playing the
13 banjo that he called his "30 second lesson"; and

14 WHEREAS, Neal James worked at the Isaiah House in Willisburg with patients
15 recovering from addiction and is known for his favorite saying "Jesus Rocks"; and

16 WHEREAS, Neal James is survived by his wife Rosemary, children Kenny,
17 Ronnie, Sara, and Victoria, and eight grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Neal James will be remembered by many, not only for his actions on
19 screen, but also as a caring and loving man by those whose lives he impacted and helped
20 rehabilitate;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

22 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Highway
24 150 from the Lincoln County line to the Stanford city limits in honor of Neal James, and
25 shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect signage for the
26 highway designation that reads "Neal James Memorial Highway "The Banjo Man".